

*Amendments to the Specification*

On page 56, line 23 through page 57, line 3, please **delete** the paragraph beginning "It is further understood..." and **replace** it with the following paragraph:

31 It is further understood that other additional markers on linkage group G or A2 may be utilized (Morgante *et al.*, *Genome* 37: 763-769 (1994)). As used herein, reference to the linkage group of G or A2 refers to the linkage group that corresponds to linkage groups U5 and U3, respectively from the genetic map of *Glycine max* (Mansur *et al.*, *Crop Sci.* 36: 1327-1336 (1996), and linkage groups G and A2 respectively of *Glycine max* x. *Glycine soja* (Shoemaker *et al.*, *Genetics* 144: 329-336 (1996)) that is present in *Glycine soja* (Soybase, an Agricultural Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture (~~http://129.186.26.940/~~ **http-129.186.26.940/** and USDA – Agricultural Research Service: ~~http://www.ars.usda.gov/~~ **http-www.ars.usda.gov/**)).